

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claims 5-8 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-4. (Canceled)

5. (New) A battery case assembly for a battery comprising:

- 5 a) a battery case having:
- i) a terminal hole located through a peripheral wall thereof; and
- ii) a flange located on an interior surface of the peripheral wall;
- and
- b) a contact member having:
- i) a cylindrical mounting portion inserted through the terminal hole
- and having a first end riveted to an outer surface of the
- 10 peripheral wall;
- ii) a contact portion connected to a second end of the cylindrical
- mounting portion and engaging a positive terminal of the
- battery, the contact portion is located on the flange; and
- iii) a connecting portion connecting the contact portion to an
- 15 electric wire, the connecting portion extending outwardly from
- the contact portion along a side surface of the flange
- supporting the connecting portion, the contact portion being
- spaced apart from a casing of the battery.

6. (New) The battery case assembly according to claim 5, wherein the side surface of the flange is a sloping surface.

7. (New) The battery case assembly according to claim 5, wherein the flange has a circular shape.

8. (New) The battery case assembly according to claim 5, wherein the cylindrical mounting portion is hollow.